



Merry Christmas

On behalf of Councillors and staff at Colac Otway Shire Council, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe 2022.

It's a great privilege to be Mayor and a part of the Colac Otway community. This year it has been especially wonderful to attend Christmas get-togethers, to meet, talk and reconnect with our community and celebrate the festive season.

As we look back over the year that was, I am thankful for family and friends, the beautiful region that we're fortunate to live in, and the great Colac Otway community we're all a part of.

I am optimistic about what 2022 will bring with Council focussed on listening and responding to our community's interests.

This holiday season, I hope you have the opportunity to spend time with the special people in your life, to slow down and reconnect in order to start the new year with hope and optimism.

Colac Otway is a wonderful community that is kind, compassionate and looks after one another - please bear in mind that the festive season can be a difficult time of year for some, so please be considerate of those around you who may need a helping hand and connect with people who may need support.

My fellow councillors and I look forward to working with you, our community, to build on the progress we've made in the year to come. I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.



Colac Otway Shire Council Services and Operations during Christmas and New Year

Customer Service Centres

Council's Customer Service Centre and GORVIC in Apollo Bay will be closed Christmas Day, open all other days through December and January. Colac's Customer Service Centre will close at 3pm today, Friday 24 December and will re-open on Tuesday 4 January 2022. For any urgent or animal related matters during the office closure, please call 5232 9400 where you will be directed to the after-hours service. For non-urgent matters during the office closure, please submit a request through the website www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or contact us via email at inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au

Bluewater Leisure Centre

From today, Friday 24 December 2021 until Saturday 1 January 2022 (inclusive), Bluewater Leisure Centre will operate on modified hours as follows:

- Friday 24 December: **6am - 4pm**
- Christmas Day, Saturday 25 December: **CLOSED**
- Boxing Day, Sunday 26 December: **CLOSED**
- Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 December: **10am - 4pm**
- Wednesday 29 & Thursday 30 December: **8am - 6pm**
- Friday 31 December: **6am - 4pm**
- Saturday 1 January 2022: **10am - 4pm New Year's Day Public Holiday**

Normal Centre hours will resume on Sunday 2 January 2022.

A reminder that patrons who have 24/7 gym access on their membership will be able to access the gym and virtual room during all closures.

Childcare

Bluewater's Childcare Program concluded Friday 17 December and will recommence for 2022 on Monday 10 January.

Group fitness classes & aquatic classes

Classes concluded Saturday 18 December and will recommence for 2022 on Monday 10 January*.

*excludes virtual Les Mills classes

Swim School

Swim School classes concluded on Saturday 18 December and will recommence for 2022 on Monday 31 January.

Extended weekend hours

Extended weekend hours will come into effect from Saturday 8 January 2022 and conclude Sunday 27 March 2022. The modified hours are as follows:

- **Saturday & Sunday: 8.00am - 6.00pm**

Maternal and Child Health Services

The last Maternal and Child Health Services session in Apollo Bay was Monday 20 December 2021 (by appointment). The centre will re-open on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

The Colac centre will close at 12pm today, Friday 24 December and will re-open Tuesday 4 January 2022.

If you need to speak to a Maternal and Child Health Nurse during the Christmas period, we encourage you to ring the 24-hour Maternal and Child Health Line on 13 22 29. If your baby is unwell please contact your closest medical service.

Older Persons and Ability Support Service

The Older Persons and Ability Support Service will close at 3pm today, Friday 24 December 2021 and reopen at 8.30am Tuesday 4 January 2022. To contact the support service please call 5232 9420 (an after-hours service operates while the service is closed).

Colac Regional Saleyards

The last sale of the year was held on Thursday 16 December 2021. Sales will resume at the Colac Regional Saleyards as follows:

- **Weaner sale, Wednesday 5 January 2022**
- **Fat sales resume, Thursday 13 January 2022**

COPACC

The COPACC office will be closed from 3pm today, Friday 24 December and will reopen from Tuesday 4 January 2022.



News on Waste and Recycling - waste services over Christmas and New Year

Kerbside collections

There are no changes to kerbside collections this year, please put your bins out on your regular collection days.

Extra recycling collections

Extra yellow bin collections started from Monday 20 December (subject to which collection week you are) and continue through to the end of January.

The purple 'glass only' collections will continue as normal (once every four weeks).

For waste calendars and collection information, visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

Transfer stations

Transfer Stations will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The Alvie and Apollo Bay Transfer Stations will open 7 days a week all other days through December and January, 10am to 2pm.

Important Updates for Transfer Stations and Drop-off Facility users:

- Separate glass recycling is now available at transfer stations and drop-off facilities.
- Please note, from 1 January 2022 there will be a new charge for recycling - \$4 for a 240L bin or \$2 for a 120L bin. The charge for disposing of rubbish remains at \$10 for a 240L bin.
- Please note, drop-off facilities will move to cashless from 1 January 2022. Payment may be made by EFTPOS or pre-purchased tip ticket. Tip tickets are available for purchase at Council's Customer Service centres in Colac and Apollo Bay.



Rae Street Road Works

A section of Rae Street will be closed to traffic and parking to enable pavement stabilisation works to take place.

Where: Rae Street (between Corangamite and Gellibrand streets)

When: Wednesday 5 January 2022, 6am - 3pm

(In the case of unfavourable weather conditions, works will take place on Thursday 6 January 2022).

Detour and traffic management will be in place, Council requests all traffic and road users take care and observe signage in place. Colac Otway Shire Council thanks you for your cooperation while these important works are undertaken.



Tenders

Supply and Delivery of Crushed Rock

Contract 2206

Council would like to invite submissions from suitable tenderers to supply and/or deliver various types of crushed rock products.

External Plant Hire

Contract 2207

Council would like to invite submissions from suitable tenderers to provide a schedule of rates for the wet and/or dry hire of plant and equipment to assist in the undertaking of Council's works programs.

A copy of both tender documents can be downloaded from Council's website at www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway

Both listed tenders close at 2pm, Friday 28 January 2022. Submissions may be lodged in the Electronic Tender Box only. Late, posted or emailed tenders will not be considered.

